

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be
brought into contact with a human body;

5 a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the
top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with
underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the
back sheet;

10 wherein the back sheet includes a slightly colored area and
a darkly colored area, ~~and~~

wherein a light transmittance of light transmitted through
the top sheet, the slightly colored area of the back sheet, and
the absorbent body is at least 15%, and

15 wherein the absorbent article includes a portion in which a
light transmittance of light transmitted through the top sheet,
the darkly colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent body
is less than 15%.

2. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be
brought into contact with a human body;

a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the
5 top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with
underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the
back sheet;

wherein the back sheet includes a colored area and a
10 non-colored area, ~~and~~

wherein a light transmittance of light transmitted through
the top sheet, the non-colored area of the back sheet, and the
absorbent body is at least 15%, and

wherein the absorbent article includes a portion in which a
15 light transmittance of light transmitted through the top sheet,
the colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent body is
less than 15%.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according
to claim 1, wherein an identification to identify a front-rear
orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the darkly
colored area.

5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored area.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the light transmittance of light transmitted through the top sheet, the slightly colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent body is 15% to 80%.

8. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the light transmittance of light transmitted through the top sheet, the non-colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent body is 15% to 80%.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the light transmittance of light transmitted through the top sheet, the slightly colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent body is 15% to 55%.

11. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the light transmittance of light transmitted through the top sheet, the non-colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent body is 15% to 55%.

Claims 12-14 (Canceled).